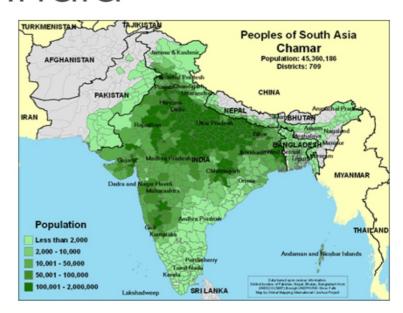


CHAMAR



India





Population: 52,376,000 Religion: Hinduism

Christian: 0% Language: Hindi



The Chamar are considered untouchable, with a population of over 50 million, they are among the largest untouchable, or Dalit communities in the Hindu world. To be untouchable, according to Indian-Hindu tradition, is to be undesirable, or unworthy of any sort of consideration or provision by society. This translates into frequent joblessness, lack of education and lifelong poverty.

Traditional upper caste members will even avoid an untouchable's shadow.

Their main occupation is manufacturing shoes and chappals from finished leather. Day labor and petty business are also main sources of income.

Pray for the salvation of the Chamar people and that God may send several Christian workers among them and meet their spiritual and physical needs.

Pray for the Chamar people to break through the caste barrier; be accepted and accept other communities.